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COUNCIL/AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JUNE 13, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL/  
CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

FROM: MAYOR JOE PIRZYNSKI AND COUNCIL MEMBER  
DIANE MCNUTT AS MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COUNCIL SUB-  
COMMITTEE FOR THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

SUBJECT: SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROCEEDING WITH  
ANALYSIS AND PLANNING FOR NEW LIBRARY

The development of the Civic Center Master Plan (CCMP) has been a long, complex endeavor. The Town Council, community, staff and consultants have dedicated many hours over a period of years to shaping the long-range vision for the Civic Center and to collecting and analyzing the data and information that constitute the technical foundation of the CCMP. As the Town Council's liaisons to staff on the master planning process over most of the five-year period, we have had the opportunity to observe closely the effort and thought behind the scenes which have led to the CCMP presented for Council's approval on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

As your Council Sub-Committee, we concur with staff's recommendation that Council approve the Civic Center Master Plan as a roadmap for the future, enabling the Town Council to make decisions about facility improvements to enhance service delivery as necessary or as opportunities over the next 25 years.

We further concur with staff's recommendations to proceed to address the two highest priority needs identified by Council in previous Council discussions: police facilities and library services. Assuming that the Council approves the purchase of the Verizon building to address the need for additional space for police services, the Sub-Committee agrees with staff's recommendation to proceed with the analysis and planning for the construction of a new library.

While the estimated space needs for the library are grounded in community and staff input, library best practices, and industry standards, it may not be possible to achieve the space goals

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set forth in the CCMP. The Town may simply not be able to afford a library of this ideal size. With this in mind, the Sub-Committee offers the following guiding principles for Council's consideration:

- The library project must be practical and achievable.
- The Town must be able to afford construction of the library and any necessary parking with minimal or no impact to the taxpayers in the form of additional property tax assessments.
- The library must be functional and must enhance the library services available to the community.

With these guiding principles, the Town will be more likely to realize the goal of a new library for the Los Gatos community. The Sub-Committee looks forward to Council's comments on the guiding principles and on staff's recommendations regarding the CCMP and the library project.